



Gen. Arnold Brown.

Belleville readies a general

The man who spent almost six years at the helm of the worldwide Salvation Army organization spent his formative years in Belleville.

It seems serving other people is in the blood of retired general Arnold Brown, and his life in the Salvation Army is testament to that fact.

Among the titles he wore during a career that lead to him heading up the Salvation Army worldwide were broadcaster, writer, music composer

and conductor. He would also meet Lord Mountbatten and travel to 86 countries.

The highest title of all came in 1977 when Brown became the Salvation Army's general, the highest position in the 3 million member organization.

Brown was born in England in 1913 to the parents of Salvation Army officers and came to Canada with them at the age of 10. As well, Brown had other members of the his family involved in the organization. In

effect, he was born into the 'Army'.

"I really didn't know anything else," says the Toronto resident.

Brown spent part of his early years in the Army's junior band in Belleville. In 1935 he was commissioned and ordained an officer, a move he calls similar to joining the clergy.

It is possible to be a member of the Army without becoming an officer but an officer works

solely for the organization while others may hold civilian jobs while devoting their spare time to the cause.

Brown's first appointment was to Bowmanville, where he was in charge of the core (church) work. After 1½ years there he moved to Toronto where the Army's headquarters are for Canada and Bermuda (the two are administered as one region). He spent 10 years working as assistant

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Profile

Members of the Citadel Band, 1932, front row from left are Jack Green, George Wardle, Arnold Brown, Commandant Woolcott, Mrs. Woolcott, Art Wynne, Tom Adams, Stan Lessels. Middle, George Stapley, Eric Smith, Dick Mason, Bill McCoy, Lloyd Wardle, bandmaster David Wardle, Harry Mollison, John Mollison, Eric Naylor, Reg Wardle. Back, B.W. Brown, Clarence Brooker, Sid Grigg, Hugh Reid, Fred Wardle, Dan Brain, Fred Mason.

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